

# OT611 - Foreign Affairs Counter Threat Course

## Audience

The Foreign Affairs Counter Threat (FACT) course, OT-611, is mandatory training for all U.S. government direct-hire personnel (FS, CS, PSC, WAE) and strongly encouraged for eligible family members permanently assigned to and serving under Chief of Mission authority at designated high threat, high risk posts. Please consult the Bureau of Diplomatic Security or the Executive Directorate of the Regional Bureau for the latest designated countries.

It is also mandatory for all personnel serving under Chief of Mission authority who will be on TDY status for more than 45 days in a calendar year to any one or any combination of the above listed mandatory posts. Locations may be added or removed in the future.

Third party contractors may enroll on a reimbursable basis if their contract states that they must complete mandatory FACT training.

**Additional Note:** for those that are traveling to Somalia, it does not matter the length of your stay, but if you are going to be leaving the Mogadishu International Airport for any length of time you must be enrolled in OT-611.

Those going to Iraq must also take FT610, Iraq Familiarization, and those going to Afghanistan must also take RS415, Afghanistan Familiarization. Both are five-day courses offered by FSI.

## Course Description

This course (OT-611) replaces the previous version of the Foreign Affairs Counter Threat course (OT-610) and the Iraq Field Immersion Training Course. This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to better prepare them for living and working in critical and high threat environments overseas. The course instructs participants in the practical skills necessary to recognize, avoid, and respond to potential terrorist threat situations. Participants will demonstrate the practical application of techniques taught in the course. Participants will learn how to conduct surveillance detection, aspects of personnel recovery, provide emergency medical care, demonstrate improvised explosive device (IED) awareness, participate in firearms familiarization, and perform defensive/counterterrorist driving maneuvers. The final day of the course will feature reality-based scenarios which will test the participants on their skill retention as well as their ability to react during a crisis situation.

## Note

OT-611 is a five day course given every week except those weeks with Federal holidays.

Enrollment closes by Close of Business the Tuesday before the course start date. Travel orders are required for training in West Virginia; Department of State (DoS) personnel coordinate with HR/CDA.

## Prerequisites

Students must possess a valid driver's license to participate in the driving portion of the training. International Driving Permits and foreign driver's licenses from countries that have ratified the Convention on Road Traffic may use their own valid driver licenses to drive in the United States.

## Enrollment Procedures

- DoS employees apply online or FS may contact HR/CDA.
- Non-DoS submit a funded SF-182 to the FSI Registrar via e-mail [FSIREGISTRAR@state.gov](mailto:FSIREGISTRAR@state.gov) or fax 703-302-7152.
- DoS third party contractors submit a funded SF-182 and contractor approval memorandum via e-mail [FSIREGISTRAR@state.gov](mailto:FSIREGISTRAR@state.gov) or fax 703-302-7152.

## Additional Questions Call

- **FSI Registrar's office: 703-746-2334**
- **DSTC Registrar's office: 703-205-2817**

## HT401 - High Threat Security Overseas Seminar

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The High Threat Security Overseas Seminar is mandatory for all U.S. government direct-hire (FS, CS, PSC, WAE) employees on a TDY assignment of less than 45 days in a calendar year at any one or any combination of designated high threat, high risk posts. Please consult the Bureau of Diplomatic Security or the Executive Directorate of the Regional Bureau for the latest designated countries.

Other agency employees who meet the above-stated requirement may attend on a reimbursable basis.

Third party contractors may enroll on a reimbursable basis if their contract states that they must complete mandatory HT-SOS training.

### Course Description

This seminar is designed to provide participants with threat and situational awareness training against criminal and terrorist attacks while working in high threat regions. Participants will learn risk management, health management, surveillance detection, crime and personal protection, defensive driving, kidnapping prevention, minefield awareness, and awareness of threats from explosives and countermeasures. It is an interactive e-Learning seminar available via the Internet, using a computer or mobile device.

### Exam Requirement

To complete this course successfully students must pass every exam associated with a module with a score of 80% or better.

### Schedule

Schedule: Students have 90 days to complete this five-hour course.

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